

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph.

**DESCRIPTION**

Field of the Invention

The present invention refers to a device for straightening and closing the rear flap for a self-dimensioning machine for closing parallelepiped boxes.

Background of the Invention

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before line 28.

Summary of the Invention

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, before line 30.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Figure 19 shows the machine in a front view in the working position of Figure 18; and

Please insert the following paragraph on page 4, before line 13.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments